

In the Specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 16, to page 2, line 15, with:

--The prior art discloses a variety of apparatuses for pressing items of clothing by a pressing dummy. European Patent Application EP 0 193 483 A1 (subsequent application ~~in respect of FR~~ to French Patent Document Registration No. 8500673, corresponding to French Patent Publication No. 2,575,773) describes a method of, and a pressing dummy for, pressing an item of clothing. The item of clothing in this case, for pressing purposes, is pulled onto an inflatable bag of the pressing dummy. An air stream, in the interior of the inflatable bag, blows through the bag and the item of clothing, in which case the item of clothing is, then, dried and pressed. Because the inflatable bag also projects into the sleeves of the item of clothing, these sleeves are also dried. In one configuration of the invention, the inflatable bag is extended beyond the cuffs (and possibly also beyond the collar) of the item of clothing. Flexible flaps are fitted on the outside of these extensions. They are, preferably, made of the same material as the inflatable bag. If the item of clothing is, then, positioned on the pressing dummy and the air stream is activated, the air flows simultaneously through the inflatable bag and the flaps together. The air stream, then, inflates the inflatable bag and the flaps. The inflatable bag then positions itself against the item of clothing from the inside. The flaps, however, position

themselves on the cuffs of the item of clothing from the outside. Because the drying air also flows through the flaps, the cuffs are dried from the inside by way of the inflatable bag and from the outside by way of the flaps.--

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 15, to page 11, line 26, with:

--Referring now to the figures of the drawings in detail and first, particularly to FIG. 1 thereof, there is shown a stiffening device of the inflatable bag 7 in the region of a button-fastening cuff 3 of an item of clothing 2. This stiffening device performs the function of a cuff presser 1. The stiffening device of the cuff presser 1 has rendered the latter impermeable to air. It is, thus, provided with air holes 9 so that the air stream can also dry the cuff 3. The bottom end of the inflatable bag (in this case, on the left-hand side of FIG. 1) has an air-impermeable region 14 so that useful drying air cannot penetrate uselessly in the outward direction. Once the item of clothing 2 has been pulled onto the pressing dummy (as illustrated in FIG. 1 of co-pending U.S. patent application [Attorney Docket No. ZTP00P1204], filed on June 20, 2003, the disclosure of which being hereby incorporated by reference) and the cuff 3 has been buttoned, it is possible for the 2 ~~has been pulled onto the pressing dummy and the cuff 3 has been buttoned, it is possible for the~~ air stream for the inflatable bag 7 to be switched on. Because

the cuff presser 1 is provided with air holes, the drying air penetrates outward through these holes and dries and presses the cuff 3 in the process. The stiffening device is delimited from the rest of the inflatable bag 7 and of the item of clothing 2 by a boundary line 13. This region of the sleeve 15 is characterized by a slit in the fabric. The overlapping fabric in the region of the slit is also referred to as an upper piece 21. The fabric located therebeneath is referred to as an underpiece 22. The outer, narrow strip of fabric that tapers to a point (to the right in the case of FIG. 1) is referred to as a facing 20. At least a double layer of fabric is, thus, produced in the region 12. During operation of the pressing dummy, the air in the inflatable bag 7 forces the constituent parts of the region 12 apart from one another. The upper piece 21 and the underpiece 22 are moved in an expansion direction 19. If the fabric of the item of clothing 2 is not stiff enough in relation to the pressure in the inflatable bag 7, this may result in unintended deformation of the item of clothing 2 in this region.--